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Province approves annexation

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN Didsbury Review

For the first time in more than 30 years, the Town of Didsbury is expanding its boundaries.

The provincial government recently approved the annexation of about 952 hectares - nearly fifteen quarter sections the Town of Didsbury Mountain County. For taxation purposes, the annexation retroactive to Oct. 1, 2008.

"It certainly is positive for the town to have the ability to grow now," said Didsbury Mayor Brian Wittal. "There's lots of new area around the community that developers could come in and pur-chase and develop if they choose to.

Within a month, the town will begin sending welcome packages to landowners affected by the annexation. An open house is also being planned for town resi-dents to get more infor-

mation and ask questions. In addition, the town will be holding a second open house for impacted developing their land.
"There's also been a

number of properties interested in development annexation," Wittal. pending explained "Hopefully this will start

"It certainly is positive for the town to have the ability to grow now.'

BRIAN WITTAL

some of those projects moving forward...which certainly bodes well growth for our community.

As long as their land is not developed, redesignated or connected water or sewer, newly

continue to be taxed at the same rate as Mountain View County until Dec. 31, 2017

County director of planning and development Diana Hawryluk said she was glad to see the annexation proceed.

"It's good news that we're moving forward with this," she said. Expected town popula-

tion growth as a result of the annexation also increases the need for additional sewer lagoon water and reservoir capacity, Wittal noted.

"Our resources are not maxed out yet, but are getting awful close, so we have to be able to start on [those projects],...so that as new residents build in Didsbury, we can offer those services," he said.

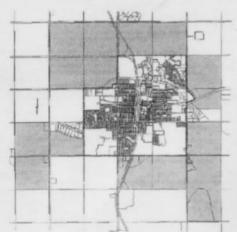
Town staff members are also addressing a number of other issues related to the annexation, including assigning civic addresses to land parcels, creating tax and utility accounts for the new residents, determining servicing levfor the additional roads and conducting a population estimate of the number of newly annexed residents

For guidance in the annexation process, Didsbury town staff is consulting with both the Town of Olds, which annexed 389 hectares in June 2008, and the Town of Carstairs, which of Carstairs, which annexed 635 hectares the following month.

"We have a lot of work in front of us to do over the next little while," said



TIGHT SPOT - Didsbury Dragons Landon Poffenroth and A.J. Feeg put the squeeze on Olds Koinonia's Dave Rempel during Wednesday nights game at OKCS. The Dragons beat the Royals 66-53.



ANNEXATION - The annexation of 962 hectares from Mountain View County to the Town of Didsbury was approved by the pronvial government on Feb. 4. The affected areas are highlight ed in grey in the map above

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Preschool project has support of community, council

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN Didsbury Review

The Didsbury Preschool Society is getting closer to being able to replace its aging facility.

A Pub Night fundraiser at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Jan. 31 raised an additional \$17,000 towards the project, almost doubling the expectations of organiz-

"Our goal was ten [thousand dollars], so 17 was won-derful," said Stacey said Star Didsbury Lodermeier, Preschool Society secretary and education assistant.

The bulk of that money was raised through a silent auction of 95 various donated items, including homemade jewelry and quilts, hockey jerseys, toys and a pair of children's ATVs.

absolutely tremendous," said of the support received so far for the proj-

The outpour for what those items went for is absolutely amazing. I truly believe if we lived in any other community this wouldn't be happening.

In addition to fundraising, the preschool society is preparing an application for funding under the provincial Community Facility Program Enhancement which is financed (CFEP), by the Alberta Lottery Fund and will match, up to a maximum of \$125,000, the total contributions - including materials and labour - collected by a non-profit organization towards build a community facility.

As of Feb. 7, the preschool

society had received about \$32,000 plus an estimated \$30,000 in donated materials and labour.

"I will probably ask the Alberta Lottery fund for \$70,000," said Lodermeier, "That puts us at approxi-mately \$140,000 (and) would make the project a go." That application recently

received the backing of town council, which voted on Jan. 27 by a count of 5-1 in favour of providing a letter of support for the project, with councillor Gayle Veno voting against the motion.

"I have a problem with (the preschool) being run as a society instead of a busi-ness," she said. "If it had been running as a busi-ness...they might have money to buy their own building.

Replacing the aging 31-

year-old building became a priority for preschool staff last year after a Calgary Health Region safety inspec-tor indicated that the building could be shut down if several concerns, including a cracking foundation, were not addressed.

Demolition of the existing building has been scheduled for June 1. At 1,200 square feet, the planned new prelarge as the current facility allowing for raising the total child capacity from 40 to 60, divided among four class-

The larger facility will allow for better programs, said Lodermeier, adding that the preschool plays an important role in the community.

"It means the world to a lot

of parents to have their chilen start their school at preschool.

To track the Didsbury Preschool Society's fundrais ing efforts online, www.didsburypreschool.ca/ school.html or contact the school at 403-335-8818 to make a donation towards the project.

With files from Sabeen Ahmad



CANNONBALL - Cole Sanford and Ranson Rock and Stacey Lodermeier keep their eyes on all as it hits its knightly targets at Didsbury Pre School, recently

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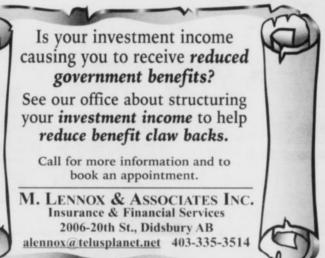
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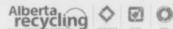
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Town receives funding for industrial park upgrades

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN Didsbury Revie

Thanks to the federal government's recent focus on economic stimulation, Didsbury has received funding to make some longawaited upgrades to an industrial park in town.

The town was among 22 communities Alberta to receive a share of \$76 million recently approved approved out of the Canada-Alberta Building Canada Fund, which pro vides money for municipal infrastructure projects.

Didsbury's \$6 million share will be used to install a storm water drainage sys-tem and pave roads in the industrial area north of

It's about time, according to Countryside Autobody owner Gary Liesemer, who has been waiting several years for the improvements to be made.

As long as it doesn't raise our taxes a bunch, it'll be alright," he said.

Didsbury town council has been applying for the money for three years, but, in the past, the project was ernment to be a funding pri-

That has now changed, due to the current economic downturn.

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tant part of Government's Action Plan that aims to

stimulate the economy and create jobs across Canada," explained federal minister of state for transport Rob Merrifield. Olds-Didsbury-Three

Hills MLA Richard Marz applauded the funding.

The significant improve ment investment in water management systems will benefit residents in the area for many years," he said.

The cost of the funding package allocated to the town will be shared equally between the federal.

governments.

Didsbury mayor Brian Wittal indicated that the town would cover its \$2 million share of the cost by delaying originally planned projects until

future years. "This fun funding will be taken out of current budget allocations that we have place," he said, adding that the engineering and planning for the industrial park project has already been completed.

Because we've had our application in for a couple of years,...we know what needs to be done," said Wittal, "Now (that the fund-

just a matter of saving, 'OK, contractor, go to it."

That the project - which had to be completed to adhere to environmental storm water management standards - was "shovelready" and could be started immediately played a sig-nificant role in the funding being approved, said Wittal, who is hopeful that completing the upgrades to the park will help entice busi-nesses to fill the park's remaining six vacant lots.

'(The federal government) wants to see this money get out, get circulatcreate jobs and stimu late the economy," he said.

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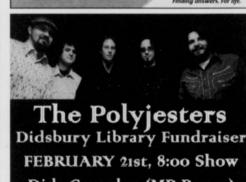


BRIDGE MUSCLES - Simon Kreiser (left) and Caleb Schindel, both Grade 3 students at

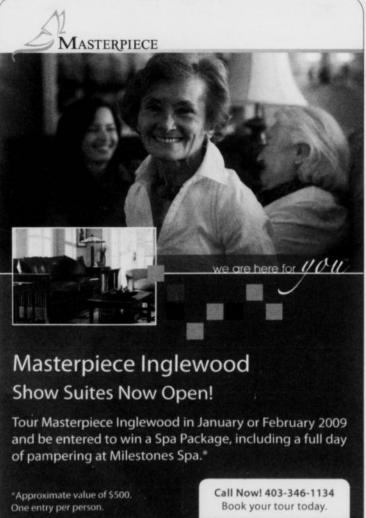
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Ross Ford Elementary School, show off bridges used in their science fair project Saturday, Feb. 7. The pair created various types of bridges - cable, beam, arch and truss - from drinking straws and tested each bridge's ability to support weight by gradually adding pennies to a bucket suspended beneath it. Simon and Caleb's project was selected to compete in the semi-finals to be held at Westglen School on Feb. 21.

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Should the government be brought down over the budget?

Against

TIM DENOUDSTEN

The Conservative government's budget has received the support of the House of Commons by a margin of 211-91, and I, for one, am extremely glad.

The idea of defeating the government on the budget

The idea of defeating the government on the budget is ludicrously shortsighted and even downright dangerous.

First off, the last thing this country needs now is yet another federal election, which would be Canada's fourth since 2004. An election is not by an stretch of the imagination a "silver bullet" for fixing the current government situation, and would likely carry a price tag of over \$300 million, money that this country can hardly afford to lose right now.

To be fair, Stephen Harper's government is far from perfect.

Preventing the media from attending the return to Canada of soldiers killed in action in Afghanistan was a bad move.

The (wisely abandoned) attempt last year to eliminate public subsidies for political parties was an even worse decision, resembling a dictatorial bid to consolidate power, because opposition parties rely on this funding to cover a large part of the expense of campaigning for votes.

However, circumstances have changed significantly since then. The Conservatives now find themselves powerless, trying desperately to stay in control. Any threat that they once posed of pushing some sort of radical agenda has been effectively neutralized by the real possibility of defeat through vote of non-confidence in the House of Commons. With the NDP-Bloc Quebecois solidly allied against him, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government has bent over backwards to appease their only remaining allies, the Liberal party, who are clearly in the driver's seat.

wards to appease their only remaining allies, the Liberal party, who are clearly in the driver's seat. Nowhere is this relationship more clearly evidenced than in the \$35 billion 'economic stimulus' budget put forward by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, which included a very un-Conservative \$2 billion for social housing as well as money for the arts. In addition, the Conservative party has agreed to Michael Ignatieff's demand for accountability in the form of quarterly reports detailing how the money is being spent. It might be a coerced, grudging partnership, but it is

It might be a coerced, grudging partnership, but it is a partnership nonetheless, providing the political stability that Canada needs in these economic hard times. Canadians seem to recognize this, as a recent Ipsos

Canadians seem to recognize this, as a recent Ipsos Reid poll conducted for the Canwest News Service indicated that 57 per cent of Canadians hoped that the budget would pass, while only half as many - about 30 per cent - are opposed.

per cent – are opposed.

Finally, it's highly unlikely that a Liberal-NDP-Bloc Quebecois coalition – a proposal to "save" the country that was met with fierce public opposition and rightfully criticized as being undemocratic – could achieve anywhere near the same level of cooperation that currently exists between the Conservatives and the Liberals, given the profound ideological differences



between the three parties

As the old expression goes, "Better the devil you know than the devil you don't."

In this uncertain period of our country's history, it's imperative to maintain political unity and focus it on developing strategies for combating the current economic situation. As a result, I applaud the Liberals (most of them, anyway) for seeing the 'big picture' and supporting the budget.

For

MARK LAYCOCK

The Conservative government survived another budget. I'm really not surprised they did since they ended up passing what can most definitely be called a liberal budget.

Without appealing to Canada's left—and in this case going overboard in Conservative terms—Harper would likely have found himself in a differently coloured sweater touring the country in well choreographed media photo ops looking for a few votes.

Does Canada really need an election right now?

Does Canada really need an election right now? Well, it's hard to say. On one hand we have a Conservative government

On one hand we have a Conservative government defending its liberal budget while harping on the opposition for being the "radical left."

It's hard to stick up for a party that can't keep its

own ideology straight.

I admit that if another election were called right now
I'd be thinking the same thing everyone else would—
ugh, another election.

However, I find it interesting that the very people who voted in the Conservative government in 2006 because they wanted to punish the corrupt Liberal government are continuing that tradition today with the false sense of security that the Tories are some-

how more accountable

My opponent, Tim, pointed out quite a few of Harper's flaws; a number of them are actually a complete flip-flop from what Harper promised in 2006. But there is one subject that makes me think an election might be worth it: the parliamentary budget officer, Kevin Page.

The position was created under the Conservatives' Federal Accountability Act after assuming power in 2006. The idea behind the position was to have an independent office that would review the government's budgets objectively to ensure Canadians are being given the whole truth.

Unfortunately, Mr. Page has released two damning reports about the Harper government.

The first was during the last election campaign when he revealed the true cost of the Afghanistan war to be much higher than the government was telling Canadians. It turns out the Harper government was actually keeping information from Page and providing inconsistent numbers—hmm.

inconsistent numbers—hmm.

The second report, which came out shortly before Harper admitted Canada would land a deficit, actually said a deficit was inevitable. Harper at the time said there would be no deficit.

Most recently, Page has said the government's stimulus package may have been overestimated and that the stimulus could end up being 20 per cent smaller than intended. He also warned that the government might not dig its way out of a deficit in five years. It seems as though what the Conservatives say and

It seems as though what the Conservatives say and what they do are two very different things... sounds almost Liberal government-ish doesn't it?

almost Liberal government-ish doesn't it?

Oh yes, and Harper cut the budgetary officer's budget by a third this year—so much for accountability.

If Harper refuses to be honest and straightforward

If Harper refuses to be honest and straightforward with Canadians instead of hiding behind carefully worded language, then maybe it's time to elect an honest government... for the first time in well, I don't really know when.

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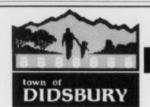
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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday February 18, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

BUDGET REVIEW:

Monday February 23, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Council Chambers

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Amendment to the Town of Didsbury Rate and Fee Bylaw 05-12

The Town of Didsbury annually reviews and approves all rates and fees, which are revenues to support planned services and programs.

For 2009, the approved Municipal Operating budget is based on revenues assumptions supported by the Amended Rate and Fee Bylaw 05-12. This Bylaw is currently under review by Council and will be presented for approval at February 17, 2009 Regular Council meeting.

After review and approval by Council, all amended rates and fees will become effective February 17, 2009 with the exception of some Recreation fee changes which will be amended in July 2009.

If you wish to view the current recommendations of the Amended Rate and Fee Bylaw 05-12, please visit the Town of Didsbury Website www.didsbury.ca or stop by the Town of Didsbury Administration Office.



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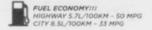


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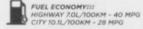
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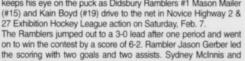
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In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

Wednesday, Feb. 11

The Carstairs Women's Connection Dessert Night is being held at the Carstairs Golf Club at 7 p.m. "Digital Scrapbooking" – Special Feature – Cindy Palin – online. Publishing Consultant with Heritage Markers. Special speaker – Lynne Schneider. Special music – The Smiths. All-you-can-eat dessert. Maria at (403)337-0122 or Deb at (403)337-2487 will gladly take your reservation.

Thursday, Feb. 12

There will be an evening of bluegrass music by the Hungry Hill Band at the Elks Hall with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7. Tickets are on sale at Mugs Coffee House, or phone 403-337-0074.

Visit your local library for the new aids in learning another language at home. There are eight languag choose from, and you will get a kit with books, DVDs, language software, games, etc.

The annual Didsbury art, travel, and trade show held early in April is always a sellout. If you wish to rent a booth, please phone Joelle at 403-335-4893 or contact the chamber office at 403-335-3265.

Friday, Feb. 13

Cribbage play will start at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. Come one, come all and enjoy the cards, the coffee and goodies, and visiting. Saturday, Feb. 14

Theatre Didsbury's new comedy "First Things First" will be on stage at the Westcott Hall at 8 p.m. Phone Stuart Klinck at (403)335-4069 to reserve your tickets. You will have lots of laughs. Lunch will

Treat your Valentine to a night of fun and fine food! This is the Valentine's Day steak and lobster dinner upstairs at the Didsbury Curling Club. Cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets to be purchased in advance from members at the curling club (403)335-3661 or Amanda (403)335-8064. No tickets at the door.

Monday, Feb. 16

The Cremona district is calling for all to attend the annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Hall. New members will be most welcome. Everyone's help is needed to keep the Community Hall open for all occasions

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Police briefs

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN

Jan. 30

10:37 a.m.

Police received a report of a suspicious individual searching through a vehi-cle in Cremona. There was no indication that anything was stolen.

11:12 a.m.

Police received a report from Cremona that a vehicle had been entered. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

1:00 p.m.

Police investigated a complaint of youths in Carstairs using a pay phone to make prank 9-1 1 calls. The individuals had left the scene by the time police arrived.

1:50 p.m.

A missing wallet found in Didsbury was turned in to police, who then mailed it to its owner.

Jan. 31

12:03 p.m.

A vehicle was reported to be swerving and cut-ting off other cars on Hwy. 2A. Police were not in a position to intercept

6:30 a.m.

Police responded to a complaint in Water Valley of a yellow quad driving through town and across the highway, nearly losing control.

10:52 a.m.

A realtor hosting an open house in Carstairs called police reporting that someone had stolen the real estate sign from in front of the house and that a second sign down the road had also been taken

Feb. 1

6:50 p.m.

Police received a complaint from a Didsbury gas station that someone had taken fuel without paying for it.

7:30 p.m.

Police received a report of a vehicle swerving on the road as it travelled south towards Carstairs.

8:30 p.m.

Police stopping a driver in Carstairs for not wearing his seatbelt also determined him to be impaired.

The driver was charged by police and arrested.

Feb. 2

12 a.m.

A vehicle in Didsbury was reported to be driv-ing erratically. Police determined the driver to be impaired, and he was charged and arrested.

1:37 a.m.

Police received a report vandalism to Carstairs business. Police investigated and found

that an individual had imbedded knives in the door of the building. Children's toys that had been stabbed with knives were also found placed around the building

12:37 p.m.

semi-trailer reported to have rolled over in Mountain View County. No injuries were reported.

4:45 a.m.

Police received a complaint from Didsbury of ouths repeatedly egging a residence and a vehicle.

Upon investigating, police found that fresh eggs had been thrown against the vehicle.

Feb. 3

10:30 a.m.

Police responded to a complaint from Didsbury of youths agitating dogs on a property by kicking the fence. The youths were arrested for mis-chief. Charges were also laid for underage possession of tobacco.

12:30 p.m.

A white vehicle was reported to be swerving on the road in Mountain View County south of Carstairs. Police were not in a position to intercept and forwarded the complaint to Beiseker RCMP. 5:30 p.m.

A Didsbury gas station reported that \$10 in fuel had been taken without being paid for.

Feb. 4

Police received a report from a Carstairs liquor store that someone had stolen a bottle of liquor.

11:54 a.m.

Police received a complaint of a semi-trailer weaving into oncoming traffic on Hwy. 22, forcing vehicles to drive on the shoulder

Feb. 5

3:55 a.m.

Police received a report from Carstairs of a minivan in the ditch. The complainant believed that the occupants could possibly be intoxicated. Police investigated, but unable to locate the driv-er of the vehicle.

Police received a complaint of thefts from a change room at Westglen Middle School Didsbury.

6:30 p.m.

A vehicle in Didsbury was reported to police as through. The complainant indicated that some medicine had been stolen.

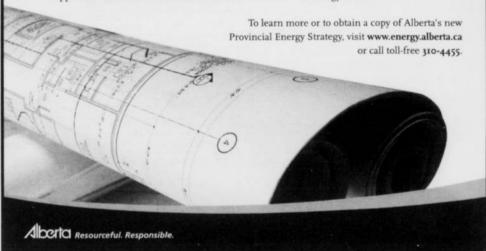
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Community News

Motivational speaker coming to Didsbury

In a display of solidarity during tough times, the Didsbury and Carstairs chambers of commerce have combined forces with Alberta Employment and Immigration to bring back motivational speaker Roy Prevost to Didsbury, this time with a new topic How to Recession-Proof Your Small Business.

Prevost spoke in Didsbury last fall to a very enthusiastic group of business owners ranging from investment councillors to retailers to museum cura-tors. Comments from those participating ranged from "This was very enjoy-able and extremely valu-able," to "I feel charged up, motivated and like I can take on the world!"
"With that kind of enthu-

siasm, when the opportu-nity arose for Roy to return to Didsbury, we had to jump on it," said Didsbury chamber president Margo Ward.

All business owners in Mountain View County

chance to get some great tips on how to be proactive and meet the national recession head-on.

We were very happy to join forces with the Didsbury chamber," said Carstairs chamber president Dennis Schmick. "It is incredible what we have done here. The volunteers were all very motivated to work as a team to bring in a speaker who is going to recharge our batteries.

Prevost will be presenting when retailers, wholesalers, and those in the service industry get industry together at the Memorial Complex in Didsbury on

Wednesday, Feb. 18.

A Pizza Meet & Greet begins at 6 p.m. and the seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend a workshop that will help you realize that outstanding customer service is the ultimate recession buster, call Kathleen Windsor at 403-335-9445 or visit the Didsbury chamber webwww.didsburychamber.ca.



DONATION - Royal Purple Honoured Lady Karen Smith (left) ents a cheque for \$2,000 to Inez Kosinski of the Friends of the Didsbury Library Society. The presentation was made during the Royal Purple's Membership Night Jan. 28.

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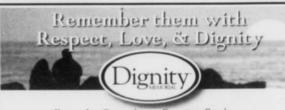
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